THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) (1) 783 import licences/ custom clearance permits were issued to different categories of importers during the period March 1984 to June 1984.

(2) Information in respect of names and addresses of the importers who were issued the licences and their cif value was published in Weekly Bulletins of Import Licences, Export Licences, and Industrial Licences etc., copies of which were supplied to Parliament Library.

(3) On the import of cars custom duty is levied depending on the engine capacity of the vehicle.

Raids on Industrial Houses and Builders

944. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI
SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids were carried out at the premises of large industrial houses and builders in Bombay, Delhi, Madras and Calcutta in January, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any incriminating documents, cash and jewellery were recovered from M/s. Navani Builders, Bombay, M/s. Bajaj Autos, Kirloskar Group of Companies, Pune and Mehra Sons, Delhi; and

(d) if so, what is the total estimate of the haul?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Condition of tourist places

945. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the places of tourist interest are infested with beggars, persons suffering from leprosy and touts all over the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a larger number of 'money changers' are working at these places with the connivance of local police and bank officials; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the conditions at the tourist centres?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) As the States and Union Territories' Governments who are responsible for law and order in their territories are concerned in the matter, they have been addressed for information. The information will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

(c) The State Governments have been impressed upon to take necessary action to remove such irritants whereever noticed.

Mica exports by MITCO

946. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints from the mica traders regarding sharing of orders for mica export by MITCO out of the orders procured by Private Sector which is proving detrimental to the interest of the industry and labour; and

(b) whether Government have enquired into it, if so, what are its findings?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Export of processed mica and mica scrap is canalised through Mica Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (MITCO). Though exports are canalised private exporters have been afforded the facility to obtain export orders from General Currency Area and sevice 50 per cent of such orders themselves and the balance 50 per cent is left for servicing by MITCO. Out of the total exports during the year 1984-85, 74 per cent of the order were obtained directly by MITCO.

Representations against this arrangement have been received. At present, no change in the sharing arrangement is contemplated.

Leakage in opium factory in Madhya Pradesh

947. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study regarding the extent of leakage in Government-run opium factory in Madhya Pradesh and of the growth of clandestine opium farms in Uttar Pradesh and other parts of the country and their contribution to the illegal narcotics trade; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the measures taken by Government to plug the leakage and to check the growth of clandestine opium farms in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

It is, however, stated that in the Government Opium and Alkaloid Works, Neemuch which has been declared as a 'protected area', there is a two-tier security system. The staff of the Central Industrial Security Force and the preventive & intelligence staff of the Central Bureau of Narcotics keep a strict vigil. There are no reports of any leakage of opium from the factory.

The staff of the Narcotics Department keep a constant vigil, particularly during the opium poppy cultivation season, in the area licensed for poppy cultivation to prevent leakage of opium from licit cultivation. As compared to the total production of opium in the country the leakage as indicated by internal seizures is not significant.

Periodical high-level meetings are held with the State enforcement agencies for reviewing the illicit traffic situation including matters relating to illicit cultivation. Deterrent punishment has been provided for offences including those relating to illicit cultivation and trafficking of opium etc. under the recently enacted Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Consumption of petroleum products in Government offices

948. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue instructions to the Central Government offices and Central Public undertakings to effect saving in the consumption of petroleum produces;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of petroleum products consumption in the Central Government offices and Central Public undertaking during the last three years, year-wise; and